



NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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SDDVA IN SEARCH OF SUPERINTENDENT FOR STATE VETERANS HOME

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs is in the process of hiring a new superintendent for the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home. Brad Richardson recently resigned his post.

The posting for the superintendent can be found by visiting the link below.

Please note, applicants must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of South Dakota, and an honorably discharged veteran as defined in SDCL 33A-2-1. Successful candidates will be required to obtain and maintain state licensure as a nursing facility administrator and must meet applicable federal licensure requirements.

Interested individuals can find out more on the position by visiting the link.

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“Winter is an etching,
spring a watercolor,
summer a painting,
and autumn a mosaic
of them all.”



DYDA TO SERVE AS DEWEY COUNTY VSO

Kevin Dyda, Corson County Veterans Service Officer, has agreed to also work as the Dewey County VSO. Dyda will serve in Corson County (McIntosh) on Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be in Dewey County (Timber Lake) on Wednesday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

SDDVA HOSTS VIRTUAL MINI CONFERENCE

This week, the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs hosted a virtual mini training conference for county and tribal veterans service officers.

Topics that were addressed by SDDVA staff included UME, how to change to the \$90 rate, how to appeal a pension, 5655 and VA debts, healthcare and VA priority groups, new VA presumptives, National Guard pay, contacts and procedures of who to contact—when and for what, and new CFR updates.

SDDVA's next training program for the CTVSOs will be held in Pierre August 15-17.

DAV TO HOST OUTREACH EVENT FOR WOMEN VETERANS

WHO: Women Veterans, children, and friends

WHAT: Bring your favorite young person or friend to a special family game night full of fun, food, and prizes!

WHEN: Saturday February 12th from 4:30pm-7:00pm

WHERE: DAV Headquarters—1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls

AGENDA:

4:30pm-5:30pm - family friendly activities, food, and prizes

5:30pm-7:00pm - movie for the kids/drinks and networking for the ladies

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK TO REGISTER!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



DAV Arthur H. Muchow
Chapter 1



STAND UP FOR WOMEN VETERANS



Strengthening leadership, power, and voices of women who have Served in the United States Armed Forces through peer support and connection to resources.



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WHO: Women who are current or prior service members and their children

WHAT: Stand Up for Women Veterans Retreat

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 2022

WHERE: Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 909 W 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD

HOURS: 8:30am-1:30pm

ACTIVITIES: This FREE event features a keynote speaker and breakout sessions that enhance the health and wellness of women. Childcare, resource fair, parent/child activities, lunch, and much more!



www.standupforveterans.eventbrite.com
An annual event to celebrate Military Women's History Month

VA DELAYS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD IMPLEMENTATION DATE DUE TO COVID-19 SURGE IN OHIO

Effective Jan. 14, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is delaying the scheduled deployment of its new electronic health record effort at the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System in response to a surge in COVID-19 cases affecting the workforce and community.

In consultation with leaders at the Ohio facility and VA senior leaders, the Department shifted implementation of the new EHR system to April 30 from the previously scheduled date of March 5.

“Our primary mission is to serve veterans,” said Dr. Terry Adirim, program executive director of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, who manages the daily operations of VA’s EHR effort. “As we see the pandemic surge in the Columbus community, we need to support the medical professionals while they focus their attention on meeting the health care needs of their patients. EHR deployment activities must be weighed against community health and can be resumed when it is appropriate to do so.”

VA data shows, as of Jan. 13, the VA Central Ohio Healthcare System is currently experiencing a COVID-19 positivity rate of 34.9% across its 15-county service area, with Franklin County experiencing a 153% increase in COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days. A significant number of the workforce at the facility (approximately 209 employees) are “unable to work,” doubling the number of employees reporting this status the previous week and one of the largest changes in this status across all VA medical facilities nationwide. Adding an EHR deployment during this pandemic surge would risk significant impact to health care operations at the facility and the ability of staff to adequately serve veterans.

VA officials are continuously reviewing the conditions at upcoming implementation sites to ensure local conditions allow for a safe deployment.

The new EHR will replace the VA’s current Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture and will link with the Department of Defense’s health records to create a lifetime of seamless care for service members and veterans. For more information about the overall effort visit [EHR Modernization](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 30-31—SD VFW Annual Legislative Conference—Moose Lodge (910 N. Deadwood Street)—Fort Pierre
Feb 21—State Offices Closed
Feb 18-20—American Legion Mid Winter Conference—Oacoma
Feb 26-27—SD Vietnam Veterans & Era Reunion—Ramada Inn—Mitchell
Feb 27-Mar 2—DAV Mid Winter Conference—Washington, DC
Feb 27-Mar 3—National VFW Legislative Conference—Washington, DC
Mar 26—Stand Up for Women Veterans Retreat—Our Savior Lutheran Church (909) W. 33rd Street)—Sioux Falls—8:30 am—1:30 pm (CT)
Apr 4—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—(20901 Pleasant Valley Dr)—Sturgis—9:00 am (MT)
Apr 8-10—DAV of South Dakota State Convention—Rushmore Hotel and Suites (445 Mt. Rushmore Road)—Rapid City
Apr 20—SD Veterans Council Meeting—Military Heritage Alliance Building—Spirit of America Room—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—9:00 am (CT)
Jun 9-12—State VFW Convention—Ramada Inn—Mitchell
Jun 12—Midwest Honor Flight Annual Honor Ride
Jun 16-19—State American Legion Conference—Watertown
Jul 11—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—(20901 Pleasant Valley Dr)—Sturgis—9:00 am (MT)
Jul 18-23—National Veterans Golden Age Games—Sioux Falls
Aug 6-9—DAV National Convention—Orlando, FL
Aug 14-19—Military Order of the Purple Heart National Convention—Rapid City
Aug 15-18—SDDVA Annual CTVSO Benefit School
Sep 1—Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair
Sep 1-5—South Dakota State Fair
Oct 3—BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service—(20901 Pleasant Valley Dr)—Sturgis—9:00 am (MT)
Dec 17—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

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